

Opinions

Volunteers form heart of any organization

Too often volunteers are taken for granted.

Time is a commodity you can't buy, and yet volunteers give it away in great amounts while receiving little thanks.

This is one of the main reasons Drayton Valley's minor baseball association is having so much difficulty finding an executive this season.

Last year over 300 local youngsters were given the opportunity to enjoy the sport, and in that statement there is a key word: given.

Last year a group of people gave their time so there could be a minor baseball program in Drayton Valley. Probably all of them had children on one of the teams, but what they were doing was giving their time and

energy so a large number of youngsters could play.

Playing with the figures a bit you could say that about 15 people benefitted the children of 600 parents.

How many of those 600 parents thanked the people who made it possible for their child to play? How many of the parents actually abused and harassed the people who made it possible for their child to play?

Too many are too quick to criticize and too reluctant to improve the situation or object they are criticizing. This year the people who worked hard last year have a right to say to those who reaped the benefits, "It's your turn to do something."

Volunteers can't be expected to con-

tinue giving their time every year after year without thanks. And the best way those 600 parents can say "thank you" is to step forward and volunteer some of their own time.

Without a new set of volunteers the children won't be able to play baseball this year.

Probably a good number of the 600 parents participated in some form of organized sport or recreation at some point in their lives.

They should ask themselves if it would have been possible without someone taking the time out of their lives and giving it away.

Alcohol is big business in Alberta

Quickly, what is usually the most attractive commercial building in Alberta towns? If you answered the Alberta Liquor Control Board outlet you probably agreed with a lot of people.

Alcohol is big business in Alberta and there will be considerable opposition to the bill presently before the Legislative Assembly seeking to allow the sale of beer and wine in grocery stores.

Unlike the legislation to lower the drinking age a dozen years ago this move will be decided by business interests.

The sale of low-alcohol beverages has been common in the United States for decades and Quebec has long followed the same policy.

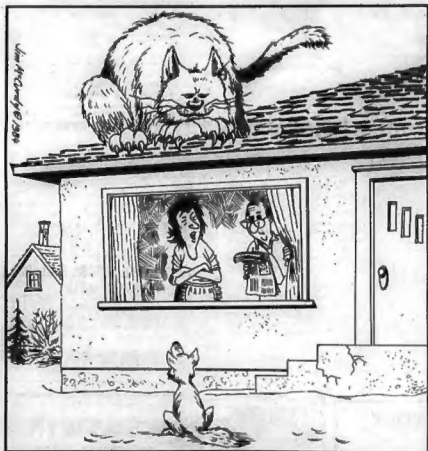
What is at stake is not whether we will become corrupt, but who will benefit the most from such move and where the money will be redirected.

The alcohol is already available, what the provincial government will decide is how convenient they will make it to us.

While the hotel industry is understandably upset at the prospect it will be interesting to see how the provincial government reacts to the proposal.

Are our representatives willing to allow a significant amount of revenue to go towards free enterprise? Government is invariably beset by a certain administrative inefficiency and free enterprise businesses could better stimulate the economy with a healthier cash flow.

We'll see.



"Well I think you oughta go out and see what's upsetting him!"

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What should be done about the provincial deficit?



George Grayson
Drayton Valley
Like to see them use the Heritage Trust Fund a little more than they're using it.



Wally Davidson
Drayton Valley
Leave it the way it is. I don't want a sales tax, things are enough with the hidden tax.



Chris Usherich
Drayton Valley
No sales tax. They could probably raise taxes a bit.



Art Wood
Drayton Valley
They shouldn't raise taxes. Taxes are high enough now.



Karel Abbingh
Wainwright
The way they're doing things now, they'd just keep going further and further into the hole.

April Fool on you

Oops, says Ace.
But, oops on who?
Well, for those of you night who noticed, your favorite feathered scribe returned to the fold in the April Fool's issue. But he didn't take advantage of it.

Shoot, he could have gone off on a wild revere chase about which one of the Wacky Review's editorial staff is actually Superperson.

The only problem is figuring out which one is Clark Kent.

Which brings us to another little difficulty. Why doesn't Drayton Valley have any telephone booths? Maybe that's why our little community isn't blessed with a more high-profile Superperson.

Ace is getting tired of getting mistaken for Superperson. "Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a — yea, it's Ace."

How do you think that makes the old black bomber feel? Almost like hanging up the flight helmet, he says.

When you have to compete with a fake journalist for the airwaves somehow it just ain't worth it.

Hey, and when you have a readership of eight you know you're not long on the shelves if the ratings drop off. Picture it, letters coming in saying, "We don't read Ace's View From the Water Tower, but that doesn't mean we don't dislike him."

Or, that bird is obviously flapping with only one wing, so if he runs into our tree I'm going to see your shirt off.

Nice, friendly people with extravagant senses of humor out there.

Fortunately the foursome to the north (Slappyhoo?) have their helmets screwed on right.



Ace's View
from the water tower

And that good ole buddy to the south, about most of Ace's fans are out-of-towners, but that's only par for the course.

Ooh, ooh Ace can see it now, the paper could have money if it had a special subscription list for those issues "With Ace" and those "Without Ace".

Then they could charge an extra 10 cents a copy to cut the offending Ace column out of the paper before those other folks get it. Talk about Maltese. They wouldn't know what they're missing.

And for those eight of you who actually read the damn thing they could leave it in. That way no one would get shocked up and we could have big ads. Party-party at Ace's place, let's have a good time.

They could make the space in different shapes, too. The head boosho could spend his Wednesday meetings getting out Ace columns in the shape of paper dolls.

April Fool's on them.
Ace comes in many forms.

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Drinking car thieves fined \$2,000

A drunken spree of car thefts settled two Drayton Valley men a day in jail and fines totalling \$2,000 apiece.

Gerald Kenneth Blair, 36, and Stephen Hart, 35, pled guilty to charges of theft over \$500 and mischief to private property, in Drayton Valley provincial court Thursday.

After drinking in the Drayton Valley Hotel bar until 2 a.m. the pair were observed to take a vehicle left running in front of the hotel, said Const. Newark, crown prosecutor.

Roast planned for MLA Cripps

Friday the 13th should be a day Shirley Cripps will not forget.

The Drayton Valley Progressive Conservative constituency has organized a "roast" to honor "our hard working MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly)" said Ken Koshenkov, president of the constituency.

"It would be questionable whether it would be honoring her although she would be the least of jokes," he quickly added.

The other reason for the roast, taking place at the Elks Hall, April 13 at 6:00 p.m., cited Koshenkov, was to create some interest in the constituency in a non-election year and to have some fun.

Patented speaker at the evening supper will be John Ransbury, minister of Energy and Natural Resources. A total of seven other ministers have been invited but that figure has not been confirmed, he said. Besides the ministers, MLAs from constituencies surrounding Drayton Valley will be invited, he added.

The ministers have indicated that if people want to discuss concerns on a one to one basis they will make themselves available, said Koshenkov.

The cost of the supper roast is \$50 per couple and tickets are available from the Progressive Conservative office as well as executive members and a number of local businesses.

The vehicle ended up in the ditch which cost \$200 damage. Found at the scene were some pieces of beer with Hart's fingerprints on one of the bottles.

Another vehicle was taken and it too ended up in the ditch. Upon investigation RCMP found Expert A cigarette butts which were Blair's brand, Newark added. The pair took a third vehicle and checking was found in it that linked them both to the thefts, he said.

A total of \$1,500 damage was done to the three vehicles, Newark reported, adding "the individuals involved suffered a great deal from having their vehicles taken."

Both Hart and Blair had been working 10 to 14 days straight for a well serving company. Neither one could recall what happened after 9 p.m. that night, said Const. Hall, defense attorney for both accused.

The reason why they were charged was one of the accused went back in the hotel where people recognized him, he added.

"What strikes me as serious is two fellows got busted and jump into vehicles," said Judge Thomas Jamieson, adding he would not send them to jail.

Scout Hall Assoc. General Meeting

Monday, April 9, 1984
8:30 p.m.
at the Scout Hall. All interested persons attend

Wildwood puts on bingo play

Coming to Canada's Bingo Capital April 6 is a play all about the lives and dreams of bingo players in a small Alberta town.

Two plays, One Beautiful Evening and Hazard said Darlene is Love, will be performed at the Wildwood Community Hall at 8 p.m. by Small Change Theatre.

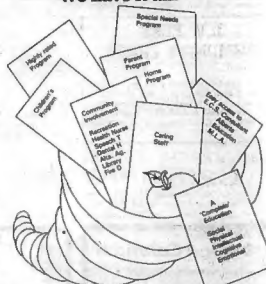
One Beautiful Evening is a story that deals with two lonely and elderly people who meet and fall in love. They share a table, watch a rat-fish cowboy win all he prizes and just when they think that their luck has run out along comes the jackpot.

Hazard said Darlene is Love is a clown show that views through clown's eyes the humor, the caring and the misunderstanding of a couple totally committed to each other. This whole range of emotions is telegraphed into one evening trying to go to bed. There is no dialogue but the play creates an array of sound effects from elephants to space ships to cowboy spurs.

The plays are being brought in by Wildwood's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), the main organization which sponsored Family Portrait in February.

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Child abuse higher here than city

Child abuse a universal problem

By Frankie Thornhill

Child abuse goes on everywhere — even in Drayton Valley. Whether or not people want to believe it, children every day are being battered, sexually assaulted, neglected, or emotionally abused by their parents or someone else in a position of trust.

The only difference here, according to local child protection worker Joseph Mercer, is out of the total cases reported there seem to be fewer violent cases of physical abuse but a higher incidence of sexual abuse than in the city.

Mercer attributes this difference to the "small town mentality" prevalent in a rural area, particularly in the oil patch.

"Kids and family rates are more closely defined," he said, with the men more likely to be in charge of family matters. "Families tend to be more isolated, people less likely to ask for help."

Sexual abuse especially is easier to hide when neighbors live far away.

Local school teachers are "extremely co-operative and knowledgeable" — most are aware of the potential for abuse that exists in our community, Mercer said.

But the majority of child abuse cases are reported by neighbors and people calling anonymously. Teachers aren't shy about reporting said Eldorado School principal Brian Bicker. "It's always something to watch out for."

He said it's more common to see children neglected than abused, but all suspected cases are reported immediately to the health agency.

Sexual abuse will touch one in four females and one in 10 males before they reach age 18 years of age. Typically, a girl may be abused for years by her father or step-father before reaching puberty and finally disclosing the fact to someone, Mercer said.

One of the great disadvantages of working in the Drayton Valley area is the absence of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) which could provide that counselling.

Much depends on the support they get from the non-abusive parent, who in many cases has difficulty herself dealing with the situation.

Once the problem is out in the open, the child can begin to heal if the offender agrees to leave — but this causes many children to feel guilty about breaking up the family.

Mercer has to involve the police in sexual abuse cases, even though in many cases the family simply needs counselling. "Criminal charges aren't going to help," he pointed out.

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Local child protection worker Joseph Mercer. (photo by Frankie Thornhill)

As it is, "it's up to me to educate them as best I can," said Mercer, though he doesn't have a lot of time for case work or family support. He tries to help the family resolve their problems "by example or by offering suggestions how to deal with the kids in other ways. What we could use is family counsellors and family therapists."

Ironically, Mercer finds the extreme cases the easiest to deal with. "The child is either in danger

or not," which makes the decision to apprehend the child an easy one.

In the more difficult cases, the families may simply need life skills or parenting courses. Besides family counselling, Mercer would also like to see more self-help groups in the Drayton Valley area. "People have the knowledge on how to deal with their kids if they would get together and share it — people are the experts."

He added the biggest hindrance to self-help groups here is the money needed to get anything organized — which is where FCSS could again be of help.

Drayton Valley is also short of foster homes for children made temporary wards of the government, particularly teenagers. Currently there are only six or eight such homes in the area.

What makes a parent abuse a child? "Almost invariably," Mercer said, "parents will parent the way they were parented."

A child who is hit in anger will probably react the same way when he grows up and has children of his own. The solution is education.

He would like to see more parenting courses in the community as well as any kind of group that supports the family or single parents, such as baby-sitting co-operatives. "If people are educated and aware that in the best of the moment they're flying by the seat of their pants," Mercer said, "they can change."

Anyone who suspects a child is being abused is advised to call anonymously the toll-free child abuse hotline, which connects to the crisis unit in Edmonton.

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Eskimos and Oldtimers to tangle

The Drayton Valley Lampshooters will host the Edmonton Eskimos in an exhibition hockey game Sunday, April 8.

In the last hockey game scheduled for the Commercial Civic Arena this season, the local oldtimers' team will be up against some "heavy" skaters.

Heavy as in Angelo Sestum, Neil Lundquist and Ed Jones, to name a few of the Eskimos slated.

While Lampshooters team captain Don DeWier says the game is recreational, he still expects some pretty good hockey.

"They (the Eskimos) are good athletes in the first place, they like to win, in the second and they're pretty good hockey players in the third," DeWier said.

Most of them are Canadians and have probably picked up some hockey somewhere, he added.

"They're big, and they're unorthodox and they like to have fun."

The game is a public relations tool for both teams. DeWier adds, adding the Eskimos play a number of rural community teams throughout the winter.

Other players expected are Dale Potter, Bill Marshall, Mark Oudin, Hans Fiedler and Don DeWier.

In other play, the Lampshooters tied with an underdog Leduc team 3-3 March 28. The team travels to Edmonton for its last tournament of the season.

Tickets are available at the door or from Lampshooters players.

Tournament ends season

The Pee Wee "B" hockey season wound down with its final tournament over the weekend in a series of games close in action if not in scores.

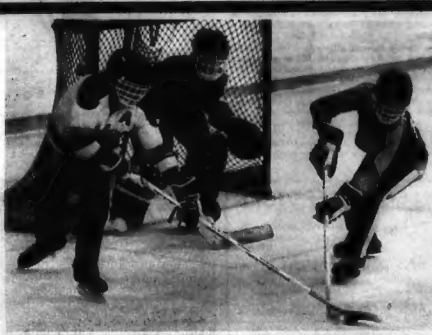
Getzinger's Auto Body Rangers, hosts of the tournament, lost their first game 6-3 Saturday morning against the Rocky Mountain Home Dairy Queen Panthers. "They played a good game," said Ranger coach Glen Nash, "but we were hoping to do better. They split with Rocky all year."

It was a close game until the end when Rocky scored two goals into an empty net with a minute left to play, Nash said.

On Saturday afternoon the Rangers went up against the Warburg Hawks, but despite hosting Warburg all year in regular games, lost 7-4. "The kids were sure they'd beat Warburg," Nash said. Just as in the morning games, "we tried to pull our goals and they scored into an empty net. They just out-hustled and outplayed us."

The Wetaskiwin Pee Wee Lions came out the tournament winners on the A side, trouncing the Red Deer Legion Blues 7-1 Sunday. Tournament organizer Glen Neudorf said it was a close game until halfway through the third period, when the Lions started shooting them in.

On the B side Warburg topped Evansburg 6-4



A Warburg player sweeps in front of the Rangers' net Sunday, after Evansburg edged Barhead 4-3 Saturday.

Also on Saturday, Red Deer and Whitecourt broke a tie with a shootout rather than going into regular overtime play. Three team members take shots one by one at the goalies, with no other defence allowed and the first one to score wins. It was Red Deer over the Whitecourt Cross River Auto Klippers 6-5. Wetaskiwin whipped Rocky 9-2.

Opening the tournament Friday, Whitecourt doubled Evansburg 4-4 and Red Deer beat

Barhead 6-5 in another shootout. Saturday morning Wetaskiwin wiped Warburg 5-2.

"They showed themselves well even on the 'Good hockey all around,'" Neudorf said. "It's always too bad somebody has to lose." Despite not winning any championships the Rangers had a good season, he said, read—they commanded the respect of the teams they played." The active Pee Wee parent looks forward to next season when he expects the Drayton Valley team to be "real contenders," saying the first year players of the 10 and 12 age group learned a lot this year.



Skater passes

Drayton Valley figure skater Guy Taylor passed his senior bronze freestyle level in Whitecourt Saturday. The 14-year-old previously won first place at Wetaskiwin '84 in Lethbridge. [photo by Phil Courtenay]

Seniors begins playdowns

Drayton Valley and area senior citizens have begun competitions for the Alberta Senior Games scheduled for Camrose July 1 to 10.

Residents from here, Evansburg, Green Grove, Beba Beach, Whitecourt, Wildwood and end trails to lawn bowling locally, then advance to area and zone finals before the main competition.

On March 30, Robert Elliott emerged as the top floor-curling rink and will advance to zone playoffs in April. Elliott beat Albert Schenk, Lued Helen Scholger, then posted their second win against Olive Joan.

In cribbage March 10, four players from two age groups—50 to 59 and 70 and over—travelled to

Meckay for area competition. From Drayton Valley, Ian Nicholson will head to zone playoffs.

According to local Games representative Joan, organizers were scheduled to meet in Stony Plain April 3 to finalize plans for zone competition.

While the main event is still three months away, Joan said organizers must start holding local competitions now in order to meet some deadlines.

Coming up, Evansburg will hold dinking competitions April 6 at Heritage House and Drayton Valley will host dart competition April 11 at the Drop-In Centre. On April 13, Beba Beach will host area speaker competitions.

250 turn out for show

Buck Lakers treated to mixed bag of talent

Over 250 people showed up to the Buck Lake Saturday night to enjoy a mixture of amateur and professional entertainment at the Fourth Annual Talent Show.

The audience was treated to the fiddle playing of Wynne Chaplin, who recently won the Northern Alberta Junior Fiddle Competition. He also played accompanied by his sister Debbie and father Ted, both on guitar.

Former Buck Lake resident George Whistley drove up from Medicine Hat to entertain the crowd with some more old-time fiddle music. David Gault of Watrous was one of several well-known musicians who also played. The 25 also saw a variety of plays and singing.

One of the younger entertainers, 18-year-old Linda Blum, played banjo in one number and flute in another. She also plays accordion.

One of the evening's highlights came when Jim St. Germaine of Watrous got up to play his homemade violin. St. Germaine is a favorite of nursing homes in the area, which he plays free of charge for the enjoyment of seniors.

He just finished building his fiddle pen violin in time for the show—made out of an ordinary aluminum sheet. It came complete with chin rest, bridge and all other violin parts and sounded surprisingly resonant.

"I just do this for kicks," said the musician, a carpenter by trade. His playing didn't seem to be hampered by a large bandage on his pinky covering up a healing wound.

"The first thing I thought of when I saw it was dangling there (the end of his finger) was my



Jim St. Germaine was a real crowd pleaser with his makeshift violin. (photo by Frankie Threlkeld)

violin—I didn't know what I'd do if I couldn't play," he said cheerfully. His other violin was masterfully created from a washboard, its sound enhanced by an electronic pickup. A friend, Lorne Hutchinson, sang to accompany St. Germaine.

A dance followed the show.

Recreation board redefines role

The Drayton Valley recreation board is taking a more hands-on approach to helping recreational groups through re-defining its own role in community services.

Since January, board members have been reviewing different areas of the recreation board in an effort to improve accessibility and communication between groups and the town.

Through seminars, sub-committees and discussion members have begun to mold the board's role from an advisory board to town council into a viable resource body for recreational groups.

In a report from the "soft" committee, members outlined a variety of goal areas for the board to achieve, but especially to become a "resource center for all citizens concerning recreation."

"We're considering what the role of the recreation board is and members will have to come to grips with that role," board Chairman Les Buchanan explained.

"We're trying to determine what our scope is, what we should be working at," board member Larry Fullebrecht added. "We're trying to get more involved with the community per se. At the least make the community aware of who is on the recreation board and what it can do."

A key area the board is trying to develop is communication, not only within itself but between the board and recreational groups.

At the last meeting March 21, members decided to branch out into new interests as well as existing groups. The intent of the move is to help members become involved with groups without the constraints of the formal board and at the same time improve relations.

As individuals, members could also identify and reach what town councillor and board representative Tom MacInnes described as "the silent public."

"There's a need to open the door to the public, to reach the silent public, to reach the silent majority," MacInnes told the board, explaining the silent public as those who do not use or participate in recreational groups.

The board's "open door" type policy has resulted in two developments since they began more than 12 weeks ago, and both deal with delegation.

The first allows the board to deal with delegations either immediately after a presentation or at a more appropriate time during a meeting. While the ability to do so has always been in place, the board has now adapted the idea as written policy.

The second was a general agreement among members that inviting delegations to "sit in" on board meetings would be beneficial to both the parties invited and the board.

"We sit here in our meetings and make decisions without consulting them (recreation groups). At certain times maybe we'll like to see individuals present," Buchanan said at the meeting.

"We should encourage people to have input. We won't sit here in a room," board member Marti MacInnes said. "They (groups) should be here to hear our discussions."

But while the board is becoming more actively involved with the community, its evolution has gone on for some time.

According to Fullebrecht, who has been involved with the board for several years, the board is moving away from a more administrative role. The board had to take up an administrative position, he said, because of instability in the recreation department, such as frequent changes in recreation directors.

"We've changed now because of more stability in the recreation department and staff and again because of their more positive relationship with the board."

"The board has really improved a lot in the last couple of years," Fullebrecht said. "We're an advisory board and we're beginning to realize that. I guess we'd like to become recognized as a good, viable board, not just one that makes recommendations for nothing."

Locals win

Hard work and high standards recently paid off for Ann and Guster Schmidt of Drayton Valley when they were notified of winning the 1983 Travel Alberta Housekeeping Award in the 26 to 30-room motel category.

They own the 26-room Aspen Motel Inn, which they built three years ago. On April 14 they will be presented with a plaque by Al "Doc" Adams, minister of Tourism and Small Business, at the Motel Association of Alberta Annual Convention in Medicine Hat.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Ann said. Her husband added, "we're striving towards it, to maintain above average housekeeping standards."

Each room has a kitchenette and three have water beds, the only ones in town as far as the Schmidts know. They have two regular staff and do most maintenance themselves.

The couple also runs the Red Rooster and gas bar and attributes to these conveniences their "little bit better occupancy rate" than that of other area motels.

"I'll be doing pickings for the next six weeks with speak break-up," Ann said, but the family-run nature of the business helps keep them going when times are hard. "Rather than hire another person, we just work harder," Guster explained.

The two are from Germany but didn't meet until they had both moved to Stettin, Ann in 1963 and Guster in 1964. They've spent the last 26 years in this area. Last year Guster received a gold watch for 25 years service to the county as a school bus owner.

They named their motel the Aspen Inn in honor



Ann and Guster Schmidt show off the biggest room in their award-winning motel. (photo by Frankie Threlkeld)

a lumber mill proposed for the area several years ago, which was going to mill aspen poplars. "We've been extremely fortunate," Ann said. "We've had a very good clientele, next to no vandalism."

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See next weeks Western Review for our spring sessions.

County anticipates early school budget

By Len Lewis

Portland County board of education may be facing some tough economic decisions but it could have the budget completed earlier than in the past two years, says board chairman Don Brandenburg.

Responding to concerns raised at Tuesday's board meeting that area municipalities were anxious to set their own mill rates, Brandenburg said the budget could possibly be finished in early May.

"We're hoping to have the budget established by the end of April and that's earlier than in the past two years."

However, the formal board session approving the budget probably won't be done until a meeting in May, he added.

Brandenburg explained the board's 1983 budget, because of the Edmonton annexation, wasn't finished until early June.

While in 1983 the school board budget was presented in late May.

Trustees at Tuesday's board meeting were concerned an administration recommendation to cancel a future meeting would push the budget completion back into late May.

Several trustees noted town councils wanted to know the amount of the school board 1984 requisition.

County councillor Ron Pollock told trustees cancelling the board meeting wouldn't give the board time to set the budget in April.

"The concern we're not going to get the budget completed in April so we've (county) way into May before we set a mill rate," he said.

Trustees decided to hold the board meeting along with two other closed-door budget meetings set for April.

Brandenburg says the board has already completed a cursory examination of a preliminary budget prepared by administration.

The chairman noted taxpayers can expect a

slight increase in the school board requisition over last year.

"We will attempt to maintain taxes at their current level... but I think we have to look very seriously at how this will affect our system," he said.

Brandenburg said most other school jurisdictions will experience an increase in taxes this year. The board of education will take a close look at the need to make cuts in order to keep taxes down, he said.

"We have to look at expenditures, anticipated government revenue, assessments and various administration proposals," he explained.

The hiring of additional teachers is probably an area which the board will consider during budget deliberations, says Brandenburg.

"Staffing certainly has to be considered if cuts are necessary... but in all likelihood this would be the last area considered," he said.

However, Portland County students will not notice an increase in the current pupil-teacher ratio, Brandenburg added.

Because of reduced government funding the board of education will also have to look at the long

term effects of making any cuts, says Brandenburg.

But he doesn't think an increase in taxes is necessary to maintain the level of education in Portland schools.

"I don't think an increase in being unreasonable if we are to provide the kind of education parents are looking for," he explained.

Brandenburg remains optimistic a meeting with the minister of Education, Dave King, could prove profitable for the board of education.

"We've certainly had good results from our past meetings... not on all issues, but most of them," he said.

The board of education is trying to arrange a meeting to discuss financial concerns with King within the next several weeks.

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Youth group puts on successful talent show

By David Winfield

288-285

One hundred and sixty-five persons were in attendance at the talent show held in the Wildwood Hall Saturday evening. The youth group worked hard to organize the program with John Forster as co-ordinator.

Mrs. Bob Reid and daughter and Terri Reid visited Elaine Reid over the weekend.

The last chance theatre will take place April 7 and 8 in Wildwood Complex.

The Shuster Furmen Market will be held Friday, April 13 in the Wildwood Hall, beginning at 11 a.m.

The Silks bazaar will be held Friday, April 13 at 8 p.m.

An arts and crafts show and sale will be held Sunday, April 29 in the Wildwood Family Complex.

Wildwood News

A group of athletic men formed the Wildwood Athletic Association to raise money for a covered skating rink. President is Jerry Chisoom, treasurer is Ray Ahlberg and secretary is John Winfield. Elmer Reith and Dale Winfield are directors.

They held a fish derby Sunday. Largest fish trophy was won by Alex Rukarich; 14.48 lb. In the junior class Bill Rukarich won a trophy. The club plans to sponsor a dance once a month in the Wildwood Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Winfield recently spent a few days in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Paulsen and family spent the weekend in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winfield recently had her sister and family of Chisoom visiting them.

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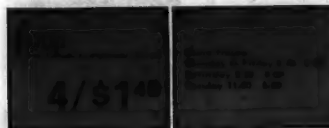
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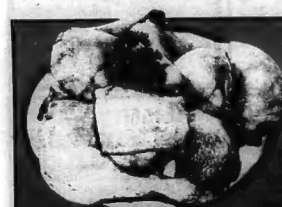
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Provincial reduction a surprise

By David White and Bruce Post

The provincial government may be able to balance this year's budget if it achieves cost-cutting savings comparable to those of 1983-84.

When Provincial Treasurer Len Rydman unveiled the 1984-85 budget March 27, he revealed a surprising reduction in the past year's deficit.

Instead of the \$645 million forecast last year, the deficit came in at \$595 million, \$179 million less than expected.

Rydman attributed this accomplishment to sound management, but observers have noted in the past the government's tendency to making its estimates to err on the pessimistic side.

With the budget estimate that expenditures will exceed revenues by \$655 million this year, a balanced budget or even a small surplus is a distant possibility by March 31, 1985.

The government's relatively good fiscal health depends heavily on the \$22 billion Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

And it is expected that the government will continue for a year or more to deposit only 15 per cent of oil and gas revenues in the fund, compared to the 50 per cent savings rate originally set when the fund was established in 1976.

DV Players open new performance

Director Bruce Fawcett in "auditions" of the members of the play & film in the Dark, opening tonight at the French Restaurant and playing through Friday.

"We had a pretty good rehearsal tonight," he said. "I think it's a funny play and I think people will enjoy it. Everyone's looking to go."

The D.V. Players' production is adapted from the French play L'Amant and is set in Paris in 1940. The cast of a rich banking family has been

The government did not have to make any major cuts to reduce its annual deficit. Most of the savings are being achieved with the phase-out of special economic recovery programs introduced in 1982.

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Breton Community Center plans to renovate

The Breton and District Regional Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting March 15. Chairman Judy Meade called the meeting to order in the Breton Civic Centre.

Reports on follow-up were submitted on such community centre. Breton holds a social every other month. This spring Breton will host a social on the grounds by the hall and members will start meetings at the hall in May.

Funeral home holds every third Saturday of the month. April 15 there will be a pot luck supper followed by a show of slides. The next parties are still being held the first and third Wednesday of the month.

New House 1981 will hold a new ball dance this year. Card parties will continue until the end of April. Curlew holds a huge every second Friday and a dance once a month. Laidlaw has dances every second Saturday. Their meetings are held the third Thursday of the month.

The Breton Community Centre is renovating the hall. Curlew has moved up for the season. Baseball is on the agenda for next month. Laidlaw's jacks are also being discussed.

The next meeting of the Breton and District Regional Parks and Recreation Board will be held April 16 at the Breton Civic Centre at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome to do so.

The Breton Civic Centre is renovating the hall. Curlew has moved up for the season. Baseball is on the agenda for next month. Laidlaw's jacks are also being discussed.

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Breton News
By Dorothy Gordon
625-2224

Curling news

The Breton Curling Club completed another successful season with its annual annual banquet March 20 to 22. Over 100 curlers participated in the week-long event.

First event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Second event winner was the Jack Kriger rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Third event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Fourth event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Fifth event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Sixth event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Seventh event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

Eighth event winner was the Kevin Carson rink with teammates Brian Young, George Barrette and Heather Barrett. The runner-up was the Ray Young rink with Hilda Dehman, George Kriger and Janet Young.

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With team members Pauline Hargan, Chris Meade, and Heather Barrett.

The third event was captured by the Ray Young rink, including Pat Smith, Cliff Smith and the Smiths.

The third event featured a banquet and social March 20.

Round-robin winners were Laidlaw, Judy Carson, Mike Walton and Anne Walton.

Pat O'Leary, Theo Wastling, Frank Leach and Al Smith were the winners for the men.

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The Western Review, Drayton Valley, Alta., Wednesday, April 4, 1984

Freaky fowl fun friend

When a person first sees this bird they might want to call it a duck or a turkey, but what it's really called is a Muscovy duck. A Muscovy looks like a freak of nature — a cross between a duck and turkey. It has a duck's bill but with a hook, webbed feet with turkey claws, and the males have turkey wattles on their bills. They also fly like ducks and swim like chickens.

And like ducks, Muscovys like to swim and dive but like turkeys they have no special oil protective coatings on their wings. They enjoy diving in the pond, even the babies like going in the pond but they don't shed the water, said Preston Voth, 15, owner of three of the birds. Voth has had them for almost two years. He acquired the unusual pair as an animal in Poucha when he was selling a roasting bull. They were something different. I had never seen anything like that before so I brought them home," said the Grade 8 student. "I've read in an encyclopedia they are a tropical fowl and supposed to nest in trees," said Blake Voth, Preston's mother.

The Webster dictionary describes the Muscovy duck as a South American duck now domesticated. Even though they are kept in an enclosed pen with a high fence, because they can fly, Voth was forced to clip their wings.

One time one of them got away before he had learned that he had to clip their wings. He had to chase the fowl for two hours and then pluck it out of a tree, he said.

In the two years Voth has had the Muscovy she has had two hatchlings. When the females are younger they start out laying six to eight eggs, he said, adding as they get older they lay up to 50 eggs. Instead of giving away all of the chicks as he had in the past, this year Voth plans to increase his flock.

Voth also mentioned he plans to experiment by crossing the females with a drake and then crossing the males with a female duck "to see what would happen."

The Muscovys are not the only fowl the Voths have raised. "We've raised ducks, quails, turkeys, pheasants and chickens," he said.



This bird is a South American native.

(photos by Jack Morrison)



Female Muscovy took a wobble on the bill.



Preston Voth holds his female Muscovy.

Movie lacks usual comedy style

By Jack Macdonald

Deal of the Century is not the kind of movie you would expect from Chevy Chase.

Chase, a renowned comedian, plays an entirely different role from previous performances such as Caddyshack and Saturday Night Live.

Expecting some slapstick comedy of the kind only Chase can deliver, the viewer is left laughing when none is delivered.

Chase plays the central character: A used car dealer, initially a role made to solidify him in Deal of the Century and when the deal is concluded he is left penniless through a series of events. Money hungry and opportunistic, he tries to use a Cadillac and takes advantage of the opportunity to sell the then illegal government state-of-the-art device made by an American manufacturer.

Movie video

Review

The whole movie centres around Chase's attempt to sell these planes to the US Military government.

Deal of the Century is Chase's first attempt at portraying a character without a sense of humor. Previous attempts at minor slapstick are made various times during the course of the 110-minute movie but none succeed when you can expect something with a beautiful woman painting a girl at your head then getting your first shot as a diplomat.

A good buy after a heavy meal would probably be more entertaining than this movie.

Movie for review are received by The Reg. M. Radio and TV, Canadian Video and Film Video.

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Campout a chance to 'rough it'

By Cpl. Wood

The Drayton Valley Air Cadet Squadron 788 had an interesting month of March.

The monthly Cadet camp was held April 1 and brought a good turnout.

The next thing will be held May 8 and everyone is welcome to attend.

The squadron recently had two camp-

outs, the first March 3 and 4 a few miles out of town. The Cadets slept in hammocks which they constructed.

The second camp was March 28, 29 and 30 at Camp Mac.

located by Wabamun Lake. On this campout the Cadets slept in hammocks and had slightly entertainment in the mess hall. In the day there were sports such as ice fishing.

hiking and snow football to add to the enjoyment of the camp.

Two Cadets were taken to Penhold March 24 for the collection boards. If these Cadets are se-

lected they will attend special Cadet summer camp.

From the tickets on money raised sold in February the top three sellers were Curtis

Johnson, Sharon Harris and Noel Martin.

In April the Cadets have a sports competition in Red Deer. They plan to enter two teams in both basketball and volleyball.

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Turnout
good at
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By Barbara Johnson

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There was a good turnout for a luncheon held in the Mess Hall in Wabamun March 28 for the Canadian Cancer Society campaign.

Johnny Caplanish volunteered his birthday March 28.

The community was saddened by the recent death of Floyd Crawford of the Berryman area. Mr. Crawford was a long-time resident of the Alder Flats district, having moved here with his parents in 1904. Symptomatic is extended to his wife Florence and family, his daughter Jeanette, his sister Hazel and other relatives and friends.

Since the first part of December and into the second weekend in March, Dave and Lois Holtsen have spent several weekends following the snowmobile racing circuit, of which Dave has been competing in. His first race was at Breton, followed by Swan Hills, Milk, Robbena, Wabamun and finishing at Athabasca.

Janet Miller and Clayton Anderson were recently engaged.

Bob and Cecile Wentz returned March 11 from a three-week holiday in Hawaii.

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NDP leader Grant Tinker has condemned the government for not automatically prosecuting the company.

He has said the government is hypocritical for using the Fisheries Act to lay charges against 71 poachers, many of them native, while refusing to use provision in the same act to prosecute Louie.

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Alsike protests prison opening

By David Hedley

The unanimous opening of a minimum security correctional institute near Alsike is raising her among some area residents.

The scheduled addition treatment centre at Alsike that closed in March has been re-opened as an extension of the Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Institute.

Inmates transferred to Alsike are near the end of prison sentences and have no history of violent or sexual assaults, assistant director Tim Leslie-Spinkis said Wednesday.

"They have demonstrated they no longer need to be incarcerated," he said. "They get a lot more responsibility, a few more privileges, as well as an opportunity to do some work outside."

He said no new security systems or fences will be installed, and no plans are in place to enlarge the facility from its present capacity of 18 inmates. The first five inmates arrived Wednesday, with eight correctional officers on hand to receive them.

Area resident Willie Hart said he object to the way the government handled the use of the facility without notifying the community.

"They just dropped it in on us. It leaves a bad taste in your mouth."

Leslie-Spinkis denied the government was trying to keep the project a secret.

He said the transfer of ownership from the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission to the solicitor general's department couldn't be completed and announced until the government's 1984 budget was released.

The arrival of inmates at Alsike came eight days after the Alberta government announced the budget.

Hart said he thinks the government should have made more effort to sell the idea to local residents.

"They're doing this now, what are they going to do two years from now? I want to find out more things about it."

Hart's brother Allen, another area resident, said he doubts the statement that Alsike inmates present no risk to the community.

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Cubs score on drive

Cubs Nicholas Favett, 5 and Jeremy Morgan, 5, were on hand Saturday to help with the annual Cub leader drive. With the help of parents and volunteers, the local Scouting group managed to collect more than 1000 in

bottles, cans and donations which will go toward general operation of the Scout association, including camping trips, badges and day-to-day operation.

(photo by Phil Courtwright)

Tenders come in low

By Jack Morrison

Drayton Valley received a pleasant surprise while opening construction tenders for the new indoor swimming pool.

All together 15 tenders were submitted ranging from a high of \$1.50 million to a low of \$88,500 for the construction of the pool with all the amenities such as tilting and whirlpool.

The average price was approximately \$600,000.

With all Major Cultural Recreation Facility grant program, town, county and donation dollars present, funding for the indoor swimming pool runs at \$1,251,785.10.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the tenders," said Charlie Miner, deputy mayor. The lower bid

the opportunity now to reassess the swimming pool situation and get as much as possible with the funds available.

"But we don't want to get any kind of wild ideas or carried away with the attitude the tenders came in lower than expected," he added.

"The town's position at this point is not to choose a contractor before sitting down with administration and the consultant (CAMHCO) to take a look at all avenues open," said Miner.

When asked what implications the low tenders bids would have on donations, Miner refused to comment.

There are problems involved, Miner conceded, adding that in addition to the tender, consultant fees have to be paid and the lot must be awarded.

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